

PIPE CUTTER

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a pipe cutter having two rollers and a disk blade wherein one of the rollers and the disk blade are movable and connected together by links so that the pipe to be cut is evenly and firmly clamped by three contacting points.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION 10

A conventional pipe cutter generally includes a body made of cast iron, two fixed [two] rollers arranged to an inner side of the body and a movable blade disk movably connected to a threaded rod which can be moved by rotating a knob connected to a distal end of the threaded rod. A pipe to be cut can be clamped by the two fixed rollers and the disk blade which is moved toward the two fixed rollers. By rotating the threaded rod, the disk blade cuts the pipe. However, the speed to move the disk blade is so slow [so] that it takes a lot of time to cut the pipe. In addition, the conventional pipe cutter can be only used to cut [the] pipe having a [the] smaller diameter, because the distance between the two rollers is not adjustable so that a pipe having a large diameter will not be well clamped between the two rollers and the disk blade. Furthermore, the threaded rod can only be moved in a fixed direction and this limits the positions where the rollers are located. All of the [three] prior pipe cutters are made in a form of a one-piece article which is made of cast iron which is heavy so that the users cannot use them conveniently. The cost for manufacturing [the] conventional pipe cutters is high and therefore reduces the commercial benefit.

The present invention intends to provide an improved pipe cutter wherein one of the two rollers is fixed and the other is movable, the disk blade is movable and pivotally connected to the movable roller by two links so that the two rollers and the blade disk clamp the pipe to be cut evenly on the outside of the pipe, and the pipe cutter of the present invention may clamp pipes with different diameters.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION 40

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a pipe cutter comprising a body having two side walls and each of the side walls having an arcuate slot defined therethrough. The body has a first end with a rod movably extending therethrough and a second end having a first contacting member rotatably connected thereto. A first link has a first end thereof pivotally connected to the body and a second end thereof having a disk blade rotatably connected thereto. The rod is pivotally connected to the first link. A second link has a first end thereof pivotally connected to the first link and a second end thereof having a second contacting member rotatably connected thereto. The second contacting member has two protrusions extending centrally and longitudinally therefrom so as to move within the two 45 50 55 arcuate slots.

An object of the present invention is to provide a pipe cutter with a fixed roller, a movable roller and a movable disk blade so as to firmly clamp a pipe to be cut [firmly].

Further objects, advantages, and features of the present 60 invention will become apparent from the following detailed description with appropriate reference to the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS 65

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the first embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an exploded view of the first embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention;

5 FIG 3 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the first embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein the two rollers and the disk blade are moved together;

FIG 4 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the first embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein a smaller pipe is clamped in the pipe cutter;

10 FIG. 5 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the first embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein a large pipe is clamped in the pipe cutter;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the second embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention;

15 FIG. 7 is an exploded view of the second embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 8 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the second embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein the two rollers and the disk blade are moved together;

20 FIG. 9 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the second embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein a small pipe is clamped in the pipe cutter;

25 FIG. 10 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the second embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein a large pipe is clamped in the pipe cutter;

30 FIG. 11 is a perspective view of the third embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 12 is an exploded view of the [second] third embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention;

35 FIG. 13 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the [second] third embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein the two rollers and the disk blade are moved together;

40 FIG. 14 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the third embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein a small pipe is clamped in the pipe cutter;

45 FIG. 15 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the third embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention, wherein a large pipe is clamped in the pipe cutter;

FIG. 16 is an exploded view of the fourth embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention;

50 FIG. 17 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the fourth embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 18 is an end view [to show] of the fourth embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention, wherein the two side walls are connected with each other [of the fourth embodiment of the pipe cutter];

55 FIG. 19 is an exploded view of the fifth embodiment of the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention, and

FIG. 20 is an illustrative view [to illustrate] of the fifth embodiment of the pipe cutter [of the] in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

60 Referring to FIGS. 1 to 4, the pipe cutter in accordance with the present invention comprises a body 10 having an arcuate plate 101 and the two side walls 102 extending from

two opposite sides of the arcuate plate 101, each of the two side walls 102 having an arcuate slot 100 defined therethrough. A threaded rod 11 threadedly and movably extends through a tube 111 pivotally received in the first end of the body 10. A, and a] first contacting member 12 is rotatably connected to the body 10. A knob 110 is connected to one of two ends of the threaded rod 11 and opposite to the first contacting member 12.

A first link 13 has a first end thereof pivotably connected to the body 10 and a second end thereof having a disk blade 14 rotatably connected thereto. The other end of the threaded rod 11 is pivotally connected to the first link 13 so that when moving the threaded rod 11, the disk blade 14 is moved toward the first contacting member 12. A second link 15 has a first end thereof pivotally connected to the first link 13 and a second end thereof having a second contacting member 16 rotatably connected thereto. A [which has a] pin [extending] extends through the second contacting member 16 so that two protrusions 160 extend centrally and longitudinally from two ends of the second contacting member 16 and respectively move within the two arcuate slots 100. The second contacting member 16 is moved according to the movement of the disk blade 14 so that when moving the disk blade 14 to an extreme position where the disk blade 14 contacts the first contacting member 12, the second contacting member 16 is located beside the first contacting member 12. Therefore, when clamping a small pipe 40, the three contacting points on the pipe 40 are located at an equal angular distance. Referring to FIG. 5, when a large pipe 41 is clamped by the pipe cutter, the first contacting member 12 and the second contacting member 16 are separated wide apart so as to firmly hold the pipe 41.

Each of the two side walls 102 has an arcuate recess 103 defined in one of two sides thereof so as to receive a pipe 40 to be cut. It is to be noted that each of the first link 13 and the second link 15 includes two plates connected with each other with a gap defined between the two plates so that the total weight of the pipe cutter is reduced. The two plates and the two side walls 102 can be made of plastic material, and are connected together by rivets so as to conveniently assemble the pipe cutter.

Referring to FIGS. 6 to 8 showing the second embodiment of the pipe cutter of the present invention, wherein the pipe cutter comprises a body 20 having an arcuate plate 201 and two side walls 202 [extend] extending from two opposite sides of the arcuate plate 201. The body 20 has the first end thereof with a threaded rod 21 movably and pivotally extending therethrough and a second end having a first contacting member 22 rotatably connected thereto. The threaded rod 21 extends through the tube 211 which is pivotally received in the first end of the body 20. A guide roller 200 is connected between the two side walls 202, and a knob 210 is connected to the threaded rod 21. Each of the two side walls 202 has an arcuate recess 203 defined in one of two sides thereof so as to be adapted to receive a pipe to be cut.

A first link 23 has a first end thereof pivotably connected to the body 20 and a second end thereof having a disk blade 24 rotatably connected thereto. The[,the] threaded rod 21 is pivotally connected to the first link 23. A second link 25 has a first end thereof pivotally connected to the first link 23 and a second end thereof having a second contacting member 26 rotatably connected thereto. A spring 250 is biased between the second link 25 and the body 20. The [and the] guide roller 200 rolls on the back of the second link 25 when the second link 25 moves. The second link 25 has a raised portion 251 which contacts the guide roller 200 when the second contacting member 26 is moved beside the first contacting member 22